

**REMARKS**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 18-33 are allowable over the prior art once claim 18 is corrected for grammar. Accordingly, by the present amendment, claim 18 has been amended to correct improper grammar. Support for the amendment may be found on page 3 of the specification in paragraph 5, lines 3-5. The present amendment adds no new matter to the application. Additionally, Applicants understand the Examiner to mean claims 18-33 rather than claims 1-33 as indicated on page 2 of the Office Action dated October 9, 2007 since claims 1-17 have been canceled by a prior amendment.

Claim 34 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) because the invention is allegedly described in US Patent 4,374,624 to Murata (hereafter "Murata"). Claim 34 has been canceled without prejudice.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors, including a grammatical error.

Finally, Applicants respectfully requests Examiner to acknowledge Applicants' claim for priority.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the present amendment, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 18-33 are in condition for allowance and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The below-signed attorney for applicant welcomes any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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